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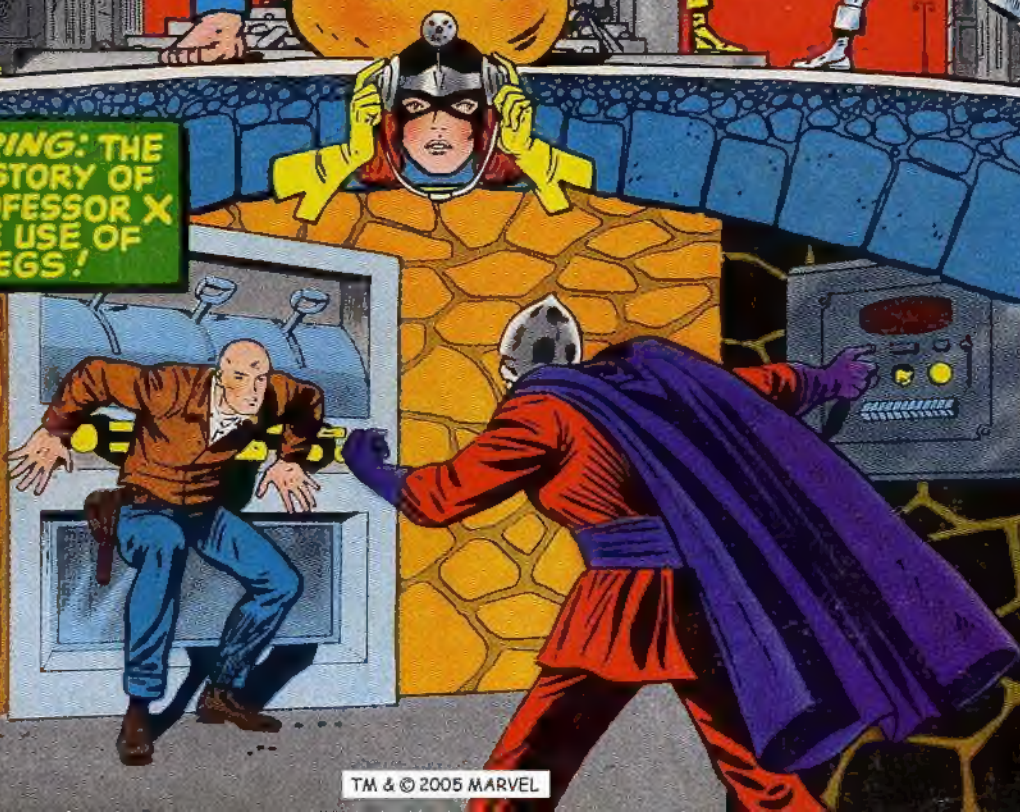
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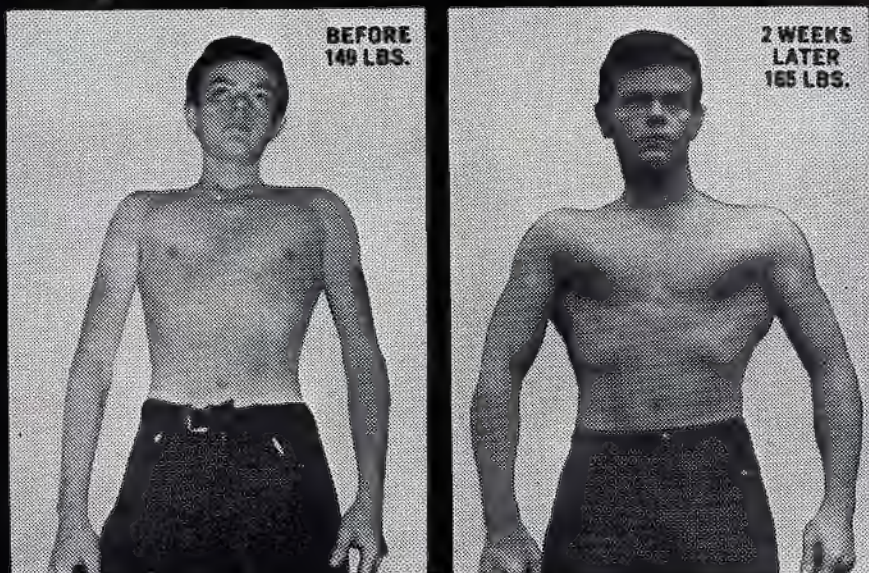


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"I, LUCIFER"

A BANK ROBBERY ITSELF IS A SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL EVENT! BUT WHEN THE PERNICIOUS PERPETRATORS ARE ATTIRED IN THE GARB OF X-MEN, THE RESULTING TABLEAU MIGHT BE CONSIDERED POSITIVELY **UNIQUE**....!

ALRIGHT, ALL OF YOU! STAND BACK! I CAN DO MORE DAMAGE WITH THIS **BASEBALL BAT** THAN A **HOMO SAPIEN** CAN WITH A **SHERMAN TANK**!

YOU'RE THE BIG **RAZZAMATAZZ** OF THIS JOINT, AINT YOU? WELL, YOU GOT EXACTLY **TEN SECONDS** TO OPEN THIS VAULT--OR ELSE US X-MEN'LL PULL IT DOWN AROUND YOUR EARS!

BUT--I COULDN'T OPEN IT **NOW** EVEN IF I WANTED TO! IT HAS A **TIME LOCK**--AND IT'S SET FOR **TEN O'CLOCK**!

IT'S A **HOLD-UP**! WHY DON'T THE GUARDS DO SOMETHING?

THEY CAN'T--THOSE **HOODLUMS** HAVE THREATENED TO HARM **MR. PHILBERT** IF THEY SO MUCH AS **MOVE**!

TWO **NEW X-MEN**? I NEVER SAW THEIR PICTURES IN THE PAPER! WHAT **POWERS** DO THEY HAVE?

I DON'T KNOW, LADY--AND I'M NOT GONNA **RUSH 'EM** TO FIND OUT!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I EVER HEARD OF ANYBODY **ROBBIN' A BANK** WITH A **BAT**!

YEAH--BUT IF ANYBODY CAN PULL IT OFF, **THEY** CAN!

DEAR ME! I ALWAYS SAID THOSE **RIDICULOUSLY-COSTUMED MUTANTS** WERE UP TO NO GOOD!

ANOTHER MIGHTY MARVEL BULLPEN SURPRISE!

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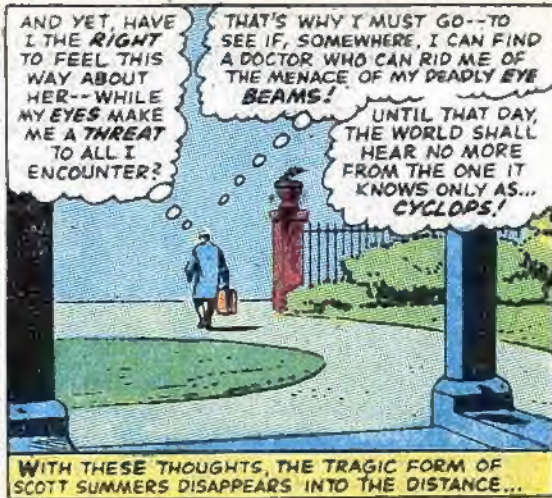
THAT SELFSAME INSTANT, AS A CAPRICIOUS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, ONE OF THE **REAL X-MEN** HAS JUST MADE ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT DECISIONS OF HIS ENTIRE LIFE...



THERE! I'VE DONE IT! UNTIL THIS SECOND, I WOULD NEVER HAVE THOUGHT I COULD FIND THE **STRENGTH!**

I'M LEAVING THE **X-MEN**--! THAT NOTE I LEFT WILL EXPLAIN THE REASONS--OR AT LEAST **SOME** OF THEM!

FOR, HOW CAN MERE **WORDS** EVER HOPE TO EXPRESS ALL THAT I FEEL IN MY HEART FOR **JEAN?**



AND YET, HAVE I THE **RIGHT** TO FEEL THIS WAY ABOUT HER--WHILE MY EYES MAKE ME A **THREAT** TO ALL I ENCOUNTER?

THAT'S WHY I MUST GO--TO SEE IF, SOMEWHERE, I CAN FIND A DOCTOR WHO CAN RID ME OF THE MENACE OF MY DEADLY **EYE BEAMS!**

UNTIL THAT DAY, THE WORLD SHALL HEAR NO MORE FROM THE ONE IT KNOWS ONLY AS... **CYCLOPS!**

WITH THESE THOUGHTS, THE TRAGIC FORM OF SCOTT SUMMERS DISAPPEARS INTO THE DISTANCE...



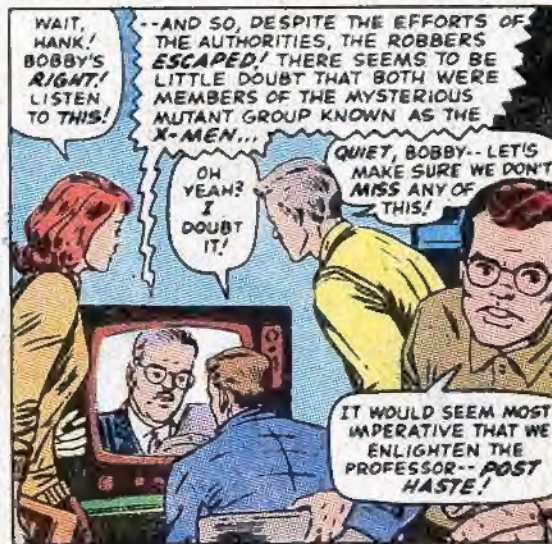
AS, INSIDE, UNAWARE OF HIS UNHERALDED DEPARTURE...

WANT THAT BOOK, JEANIE? LET ME GET IT FOR YOU--

DON'T BOTHER, WARREN! YOU FORGET-- MY **TELEKINETIC POWER** CAN BRING IT FLOATING DOWN TO ME AT WILL!

HEY, GROUP! CATCH THIS CRAZY SCENE ON THE BOOB TUBE--IT'LL **FLOOR** YOU!

COME NOW, BOBBY--MUST YOU PERSEVERE IN SUCH BOISTEROUS EXCLAMATIONS WHILE I'M **STUDYING?**



WAIT, HANK! BOBBY'S **RIGHT!** LISTEN TO THIS!

--AND SO, DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF THE AUTHORITIES, THE ROBBERS **ESCAPED!** THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE DOUBT THAT BOTH WERE MEMBERS OF THE MYSTERIOUS MUTANT GROUP KNOWN AS THE **X-MEN**...

OH YEAH? I DOUBT IT!

QUIET, BOBBY--LET'S MAKE SURE WE DON'T MISS ANY OF THIS!

IT WOULD SEEM MOST IMPERATIVE THAT WE ENLIGHTEN THE PROFESSOR--**POST HASTE!**



PROFESSOR XAVIER--PARDON MY UN CEREMONIOUS INTRUSION, SIR, BUT THE TELEVISION HAS REPORTED A MOST SINGULAR OCCURRENCE--!

I KNOW, WARREN-- I'VE ALREADY MONITORED THAT NEWSCAST **MENTALLY!**

IN FACT, I'VE TELEPATHICALLY COMMANDED THE OTHERS TO **JOIN** US, AS I FINISH THE INSTALLATION OF THIS NEW **CEREBRO**!

*MAGNETO POLISHED OFF THE OLD ONE IN **X-MEN** #10, REMEMBER? -- STAN.



AND, SCANT SECONDS LATER...

WE GOT YOUR CALL, PROFESSOR! THEN YOU **KNOW** ABOUT THOSE PHONY **X-MEN**?

SILENCE, ALL OF YOU! THERE IS NO TIME TO WASTE ON **WORDS!** OBSERVE THE LARGE SCREEN ON THAT WALL!

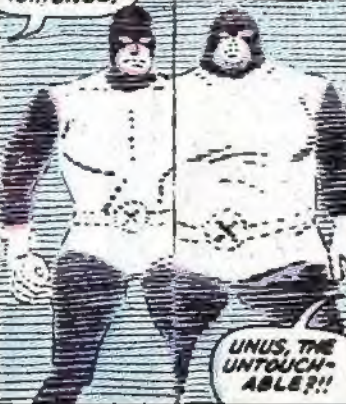
I'VE NEVER SEEN THE PROF ANY **GRIMMER** THAN HE IS RIGHT NOW!

THE RADAR-IMAGE BEAM WHICH I DEVELOPED WILL DETECT ANY OTHER MUTANTS IN THE AREA-- AND SHOW US THEIR FORMS, AS WELL!



HEY-- THAT ONE LOOKS FAMILIAR!

AS WELL HE SHOULD! IT IS CLEAR THAT THE MASSIVE FIGURE IS INDEED... **THE BLOB!** AND THE OTHER, THE MACHINE REVEALS, IS... **UNUS!**



UNUS, THE UNTOUCHABLE?!!

BUT, THE LAST TIME WE FOUGHT, HE PROMISED TO REFORM IF WE DECLINED TO IMPRISON HIM!



IF HE'S FORGOTTEN HIS PLEDGE, I'LL STIMULATE HIS MEMORY-- AS **THE BEAST!**

WE STILL HAVE THE RAY GUN WE EMPLOYED AGAINST HIM THEN!

*ISH*B--S.

DON'T BE TOO CONFIDENT, HANK! AFTER ALL, UNUS MAY HAVE DISCOVERED SOME WAY TO COUNTERACT THAT WEAPON BY NOW!

IN ADDITION, I SENSE THAT A THIRD ENTITY HAS MASTERMINDED THIS ENTIRE SCHEME-- TO DISCREDIT US-- SOMEONE OUT OF RANGE OF MY CEREBRO MACHINE!

PROFESSOR-- I JUST NOTICED! SCOTT ISN'T HERE! COULD ANYTHING HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM?

YEAH! IT ISN'T LIKE OLD GAMMA-GAZE TO MISS A CHANCE FOR ACTION!

SOMEONE HAD BEST INVESTIGATE HIS ABSENCE!

I'M ON MY WAY THERE NOW! I'LL FIND 'IM!

FIFTEEN SECONDS LATER, A BREATHLESS BOBBY BLAKE REAPPEARS--WITH DISTURBING NEWS...



CYKE... HE'S GONE! WALKED OUT ON US! HE JUST LEFT US A SHORT GOOD-BYE NOTE!

I SUSPECTED AS MUCH! SCOTT HAS SEEMED TERRIBLY DISTRAUGHT THESE PAST FEW WEEKS!

BUT, NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW!

I MUST SEARCH MY MEMORY--TRY TO DISCOVER WHICH OF OUR FORMER FOES MIGHT BE GUIDING UNUS AND THE BLOB!

BY YOUR EXPRESSIONS, I SEE THAT OUR HIDDEN ENEMY'S SCREEN HAS AFFECTED YOU, TOO! THERE IS ONLY ONE SOLUTION!

I MUST BUILD A MECHANICAL MEMORY-INDUCER, TO QUICKLY PENETRATE OUR FOE'S DEFENSES! MEANWHILE...

FOR ONCE, WE'RE WAY AHEAD OF YOU, PROFESSOR! IT'LL BE A RELIEF TO LET MY WINGS OUT OF THIS GET-UP ANYWAY!

SCOTT-- OH, SCOTT! WILL I NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN?

I'LL GET THAT RAY GUN! IT MAY STILL PROVE EFFICACIOUS!

YEAH-- MAYBE I'LL EVEN WORK! C'MON-- LET'S MOVE OUT!



IT'S-- NO USE! OUR ADVERSARY HAS SET UP A MENTAL SCREEN! THERE IS ONE NAME WHICH ELUDES ME!

BUT, EVEN AS THE TEEN-AGE MUTANTS PREPARE FOR BATTLE, THEY CANNOT SUSPECT THAT, TWO THOUSAND MILES AWAY, ONE PAIR OF EYES--COLD, HOSTILE, RELENTLESS--WATCHES INTENTLY FOR THEIR APPEARANCE...

SO! THE DIE IS CAST! UNUS AND THE BLOB HAVE UNWITTINGLY DONE MY BIDDING--AND A FOOLISH WORLD BELIEVES THEY ARE RENEGADE X-MEN, MERELY SEEKING WORLDLY TREASURE!

LITTLE DOES ANYONE--EVEN MY TWO MASQUERADING MINIONS--REALIZE THAT I, LUCIFER, HAVE IN MIND A PURPOSE FAR MORE COMPLEX, FAR MORE SINISTER!

* THE VIVACIOUS VILLAIN OF X-MEN #9, RIGHT? RIGHT! ... OL' STAN.

"FOR, IT WAS ONLY DAYS AGO THAT, WHILE TESTING MY ULTRA-SCANNER, I DISCOVERED..."

"UNTOUCHABLE," HUH? WHEN I GET THRU WITH HIM, HE'LL BE UNAMENDABLE!

EASY, BLOB! I'VE HEARD A THIS GUY! THEY SAY HE'S TOUGH!

NOBODY'S TOUGHER THAN THE BLOB! I'LL TEACH THAT RUBE TO BRING HIS CIRCUS INTO THE SAME TOWN WHERE MY CARNY'S PLAYIN'!

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"THUS, FATE HAD PLACED WITHIN MY REACH TWO OF THE MOST POWERFUL MUTANTS IN THE WORLD! AND, AS I WAITED, BIDDING MY TIME..."

WHAT'S THIS? HAVE THE LOCAL YOKELS RUN OUTTA MEN, SO THEY HAVETA SEND HIPPOS AGAINST ME NOW?

I'M GONNA MAKE YOU SWALLOW THEM WORDS, BUSTER!

"HOWEVER..."

I DIDN'T EVEN REACH HIM! HE'S PROTECTED BY SOME KINDA INVISIBLE SHIELD!

BUT THERE'S NOTHIN' I CAN'T SMASH THRU... LEASTWAYS, NOT TILL NOW!

YOU BLUNDERING FATSO--NOW DO YOU SEE WHY THEY CALL ME "THE UNTOUCHABLE"?

YET, ANY NORMAL MAN WOULD HAVE BOUNCED BACK--HE WAS MERELY STOPPED!

I DON'T GET IT! NOBODY'S HALTED ME LIKE THAT EXCEPT--THE X-MEN!

NOW, THERE'S AN IDEA! WHAT IF THIS CLOWN IS A MUTANT--LIKE ME?

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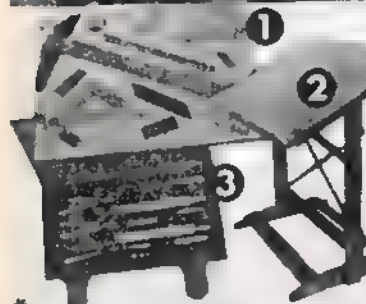
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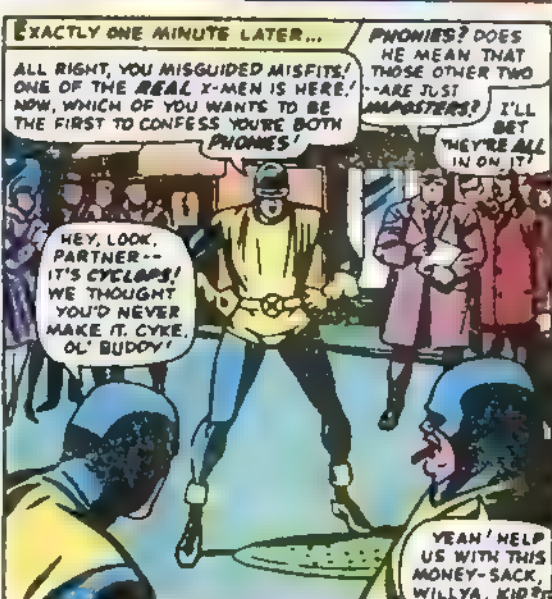
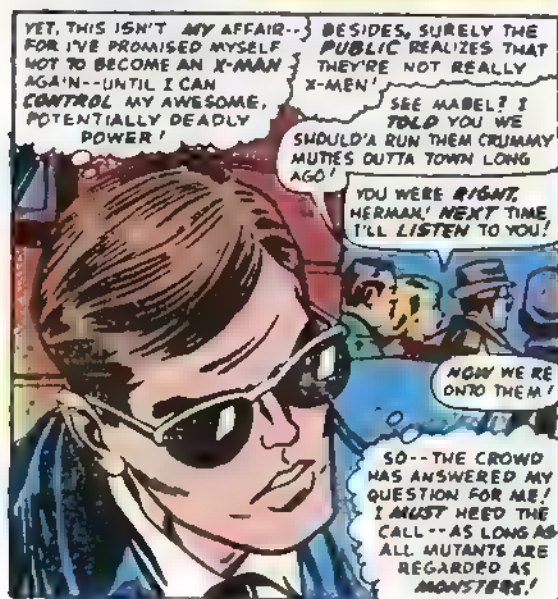
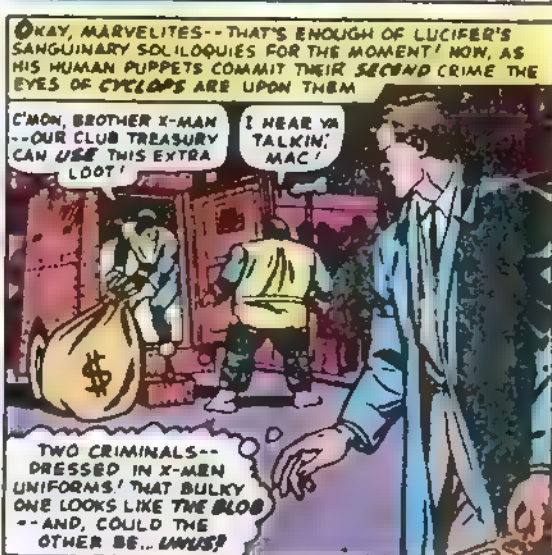
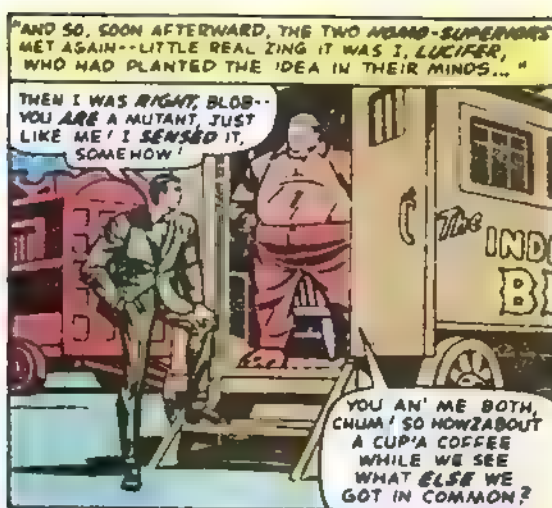
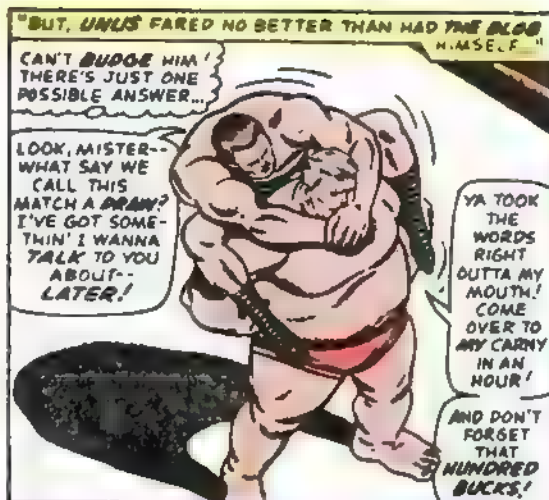
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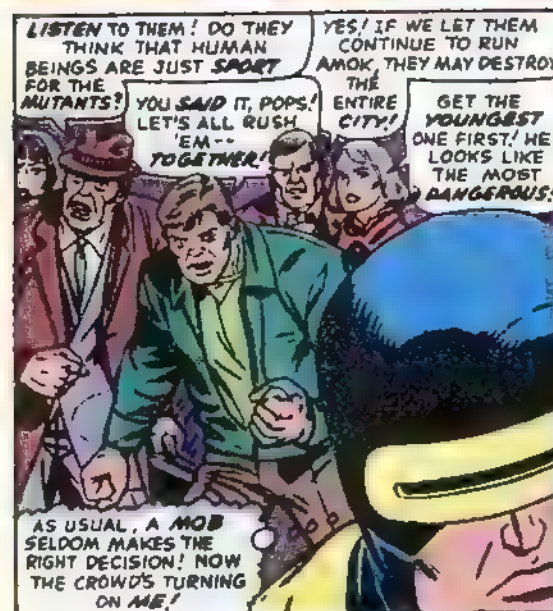
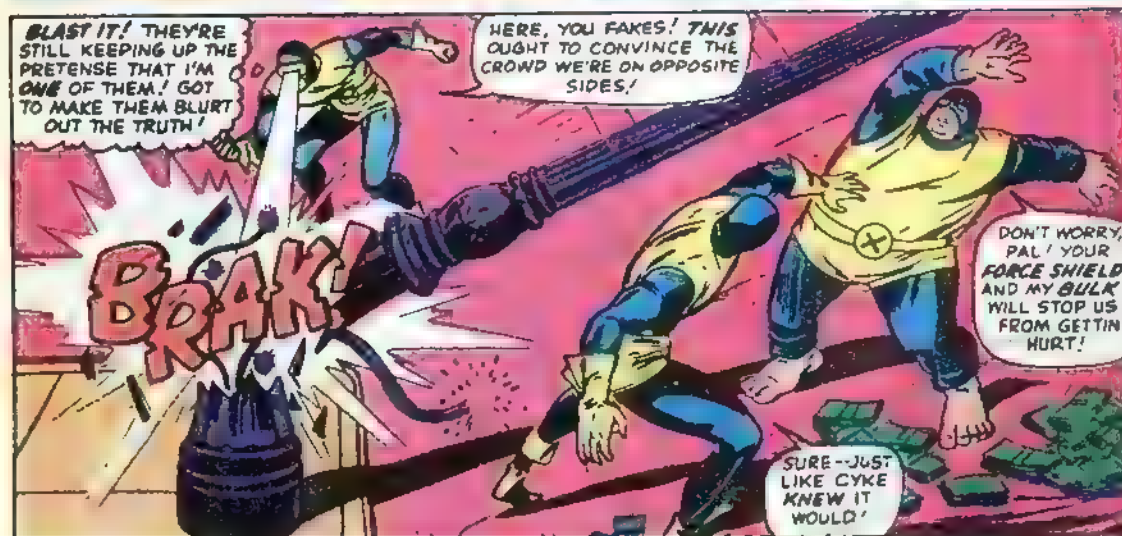
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HAVE MY PLANS ALL COME TO NAUGHT? DOES ONLY ONE X-MAN DARE TO ATTACK MY COSTUMED DUPES?

IT CANNOT BE! I HAVE PLANNED TOO CAREFULLY! THEY MUST ATTACK--AS A TEAM!!

BUT--PERHAPS I SPOKE TOO SOON! FOR, THERE IS THE MUTANT KNOWN AS...THE ANGEL! HE FLIES TOWARDS UNUS AND THE BLOB!

AND, IF ANGEL COMES, CAN THE OTHER X-MEN BE FAR BEHIND?

THE NEXT SECOND, LUCIFER'S RINGING WORDS COME TRUE, AS...

DON'T FORGET, GROUP--TIS THE BEAST WHO GETS FIRST DIBS AT OUR TWO ADVERSARIES!

YOU CAN HAVE 'EM, BEASTIE-BOY! BUT, I'LL BE HOVERING NEARBY, JUST IN CASE!

WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GLORY-BOYS SHOWED UP! WE BEEN WAITIN' FOR YA!

HOLY HANNAH! THREE MORE MUTANTS!

THEN, ARMED WITH THE WEAPON WHICH ONCE BEFORE DEFEATED THE AWESOME UNUS, THE ANTHROPOID X-MAN MAKES HIS PLAY..

IT GRIEVES ME TO THE QUICK, FECKLESS FOE, TO REALIZE THAT YOU HAVE DISAVOWED YOUR PLEDGE OF ETERNAL HONESTY!

NOW, PREPARE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR IMPRUDENT ACT!

QUIT YAKIN' AND FIRE AWAY, FOOL! I DON'T HAVE ALL DAY TO LISTEN TO YOU!

AS YOU WILL, MY FRIEND! ONE DOSE OF THIS DEVICE, AND YOUR MUTANT POWER WILL NO LONGER BE YOURS TO CONTROL!

THAT'S STRANGE--WE SEEMS TO BE REACTING DIFFERENTLY THAN HE DID BEFORE

MY MUTTY HUNCH WAS RIGHT!

I AM NOW IMMUNE TO THE BEAST'S BLASTED RAY!

AND, AS THE BLINDING GLARE FADES AWAY..

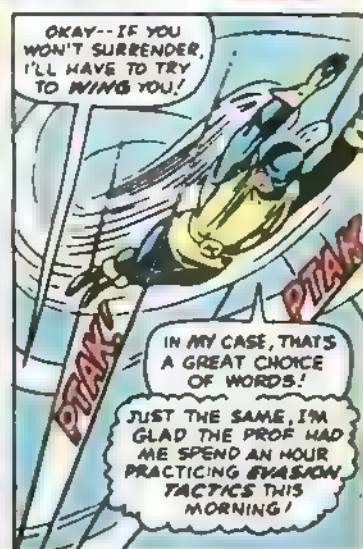
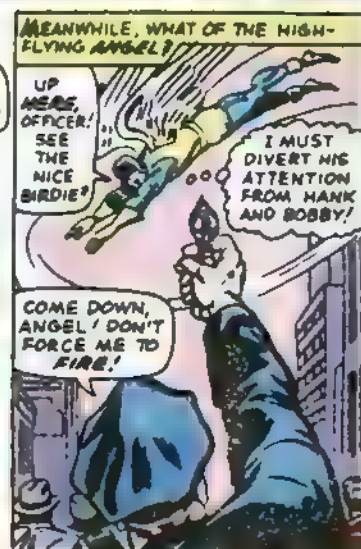
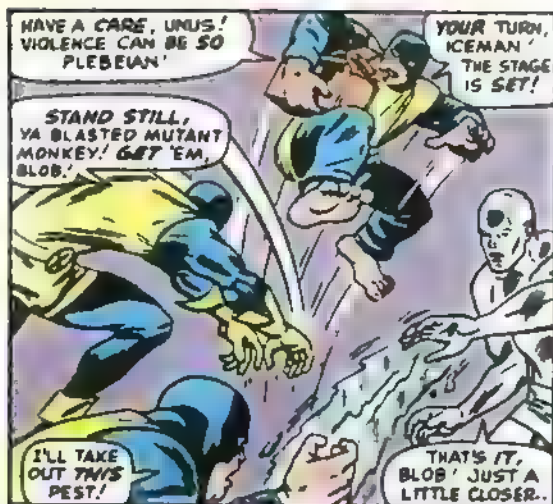
OKAY, YOU JUNIOR-GRADE GORILLA! NOW IT'S MY TURN --I BEEN WAITIN' FOR THIS MOMENT FOR MORE THAN A YEAR!

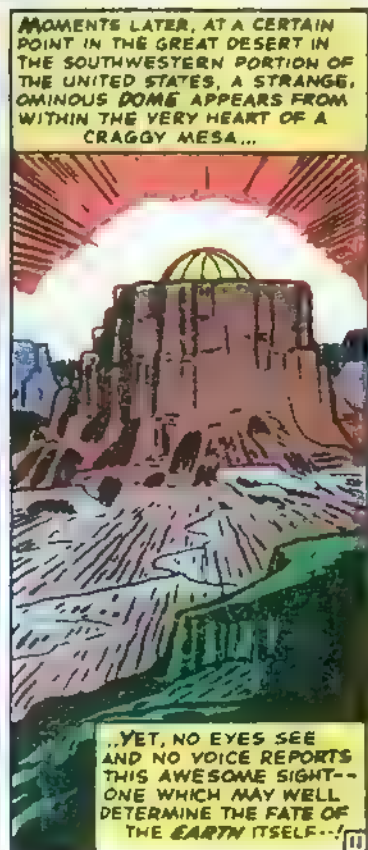
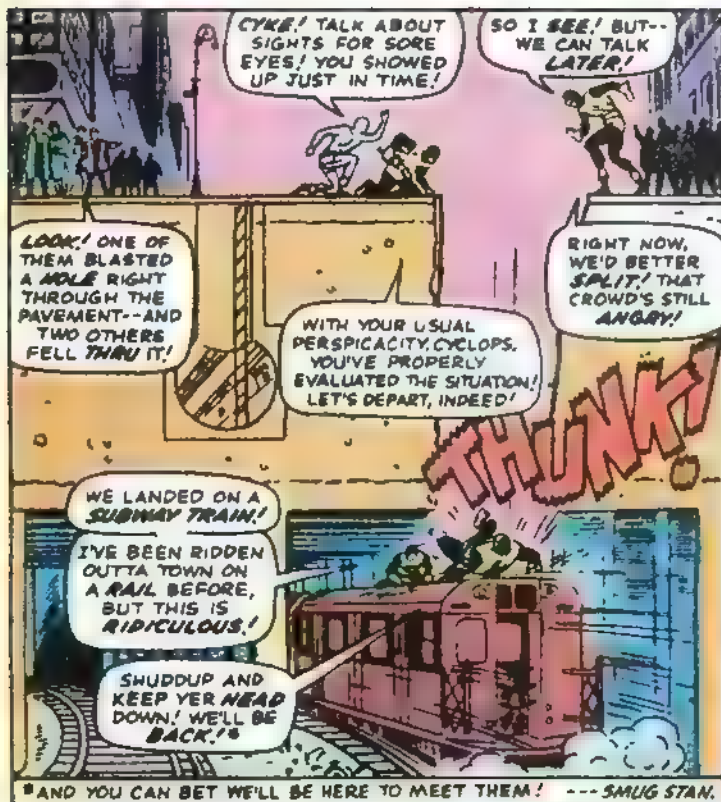
A TRUE PARAGON OF PATIENCE!

NEITHER OF THEM SUSPECTS THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR UNUS' IMMUNITY--AND ALSO FOR HIS "HUNCH" THAT THE RAY WOULD NO LONGER AFFECT HIM!

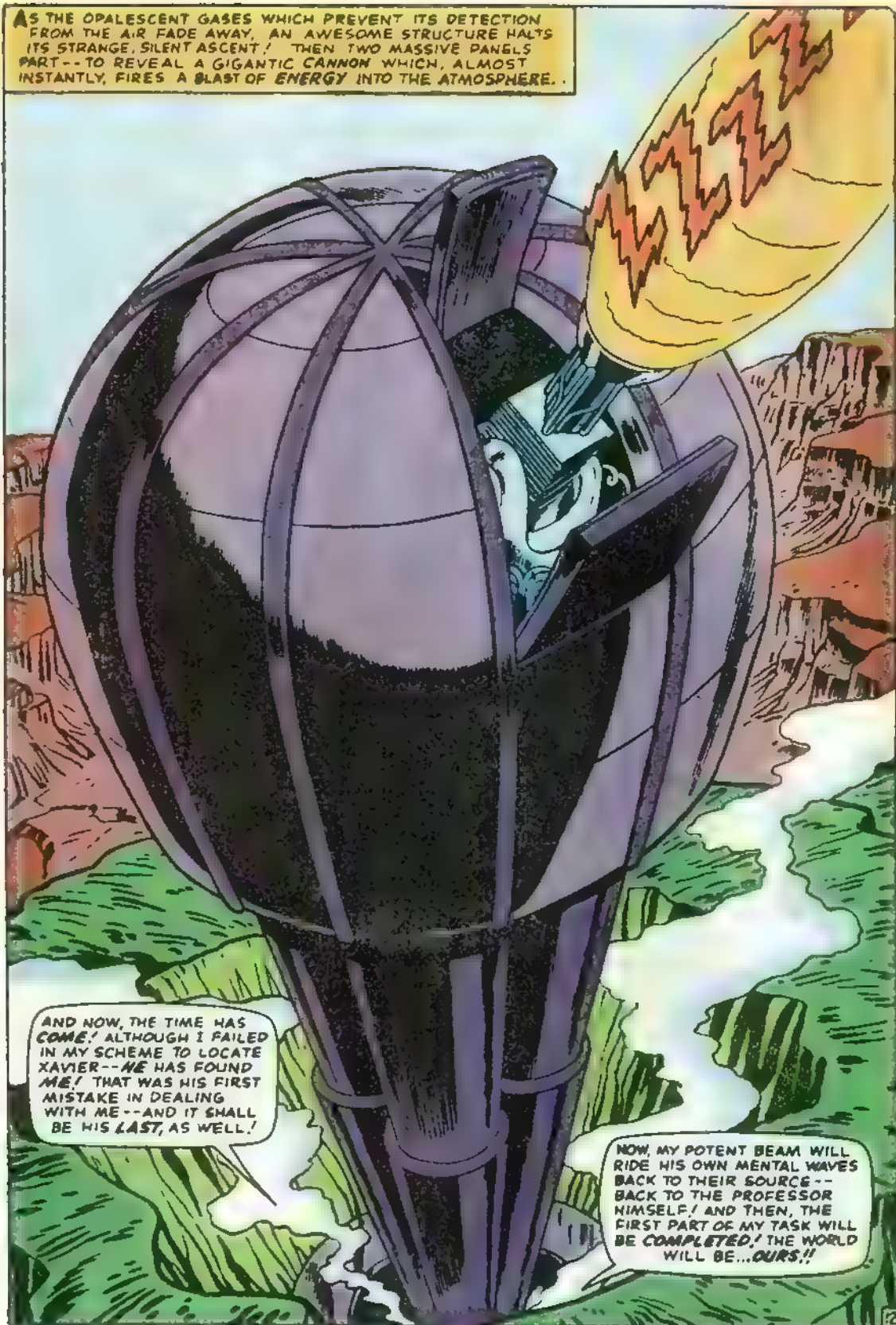
FOR, I POSSESS POWERS THAT THE WORLD CAN SCARCELY IMAGINE!

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AS THE OPALESCENT GASES WHICH PREVENT ITS DETECTION FROM THE AIR FADE AWAY, AN AWESOME STRUCTURE HALTS ITS STRANGE, SILENT ASCENT! THEN TWO MASSIVE PANELS PART-- TO REVEAL A GIGANTIC CANNON WHICH, ALMOST INSTANTLY, FIRES A BLAST OF ENERGY INTO THE ATMOSPHERE.



AND NOW, THE TIME HAS COME! ALTHOUGH I FAILED IN MY SCHEME TO LOCATE XAVIER--HE HAS FOUND ME! THAT WAS HIS FIRST MISTAKE IN DEALING WITH ME--AND IT SHALL BE HIS LAST, AS WELL!

NOW, MY POTENT BEAM WILL RIDE HIS OWN MENTAL WAVES BACK TO THEIR SOURCE-- BACK TO THE PROFESSOR HIMSELF! AND THEN, THE FIRST PART OF MY TASK WILL BE COMPLETED! THE WORLD WILL BE...OURS!!

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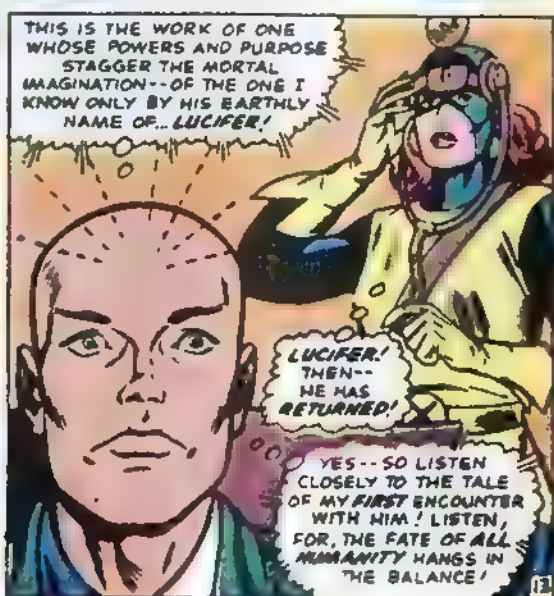
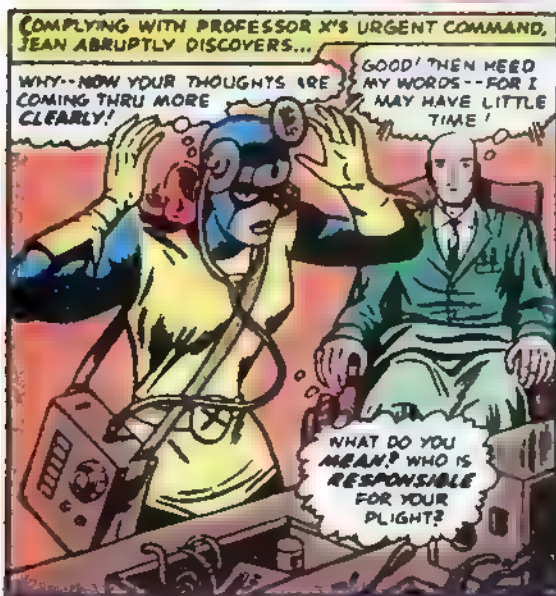
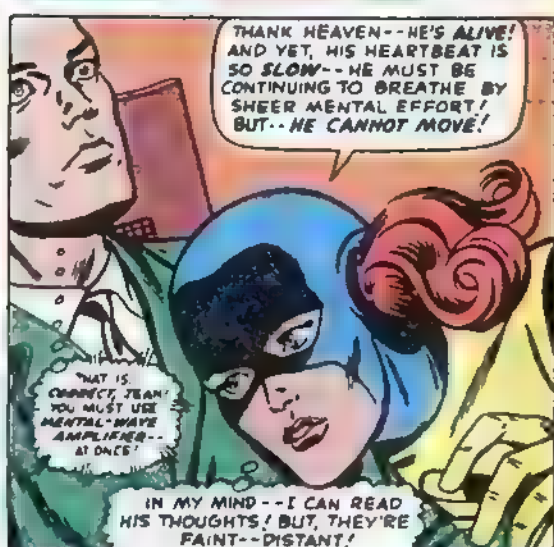
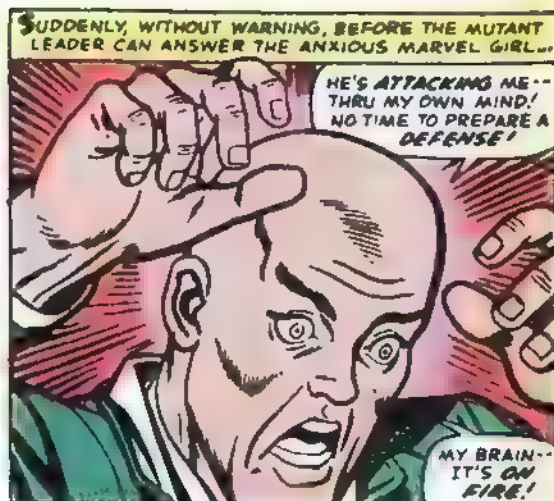
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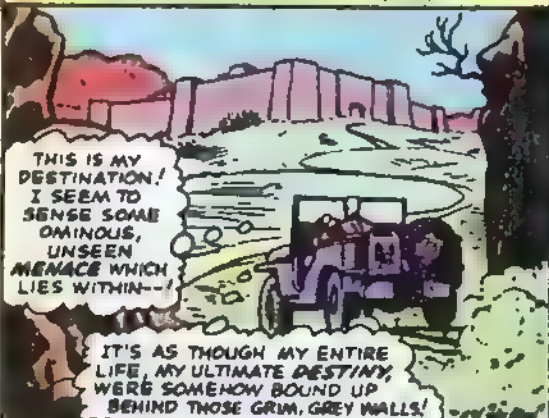
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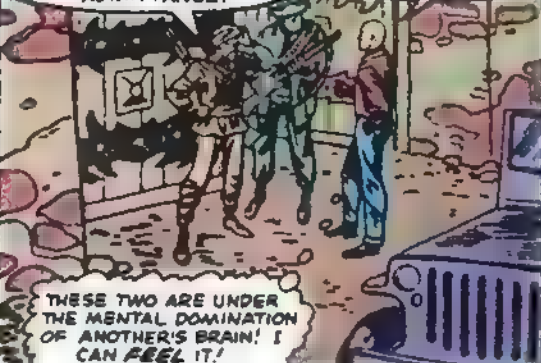
THIS IS MY DESTINATION! I SEEM TO SENSE SOME OMINOUS, UNSEEN MENACE WHICH LIES WITHIN--

IT'S AS THOUGH MY ENTIRE LIFE, MY ULTIMATE DESTINY, WERE SOMEHOW BOUND UP BEHIND THOSE GRIM, GREY WALLS!

"AT THE GATE, MY SUSPICIONS WERE CONFIRMED..."

IT IS FORBIDDEN THAT ANY OUTSIDER MAY PASS THIS GATE! YET-- I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD BE ALLOWED ADMITTANCE!

THANK YOU! MY MISSION IS ONE OF PEACE, I ASSURE YOU!



THESE TWO ARE UNDER THE MENTAL DOMINATION OF ANOTHER'S BRAIN! I CAN FEEL IT!

"INSIDE THE CITY, I WAS AWARE OF SINISTER EYES FOCUSED UPON ME"



SO! A VISITOR HAS COME! HE WILL BEAR CLOSE WATCHING!

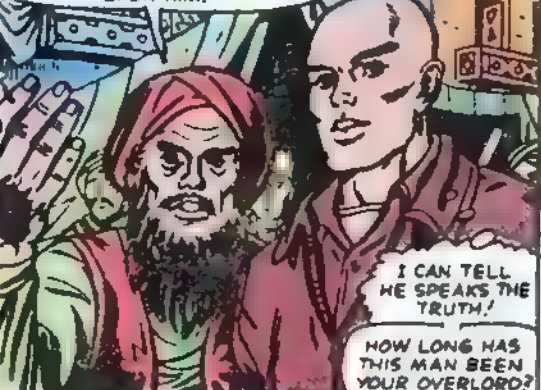
THE THOUGHT-WAVES OF THESE PEOPLE-- THEY INDICATE ABJECT FEAR OF THE TYRANT WHO RULES THEM!

COME! IS THERE ONE WHO WOULD SPEAK TO A WAYFARER IN A STRANGE LAND?

I WILL SPEAK TO YOU, MY SON! WHAT DO YOU WISH TO KNOW?

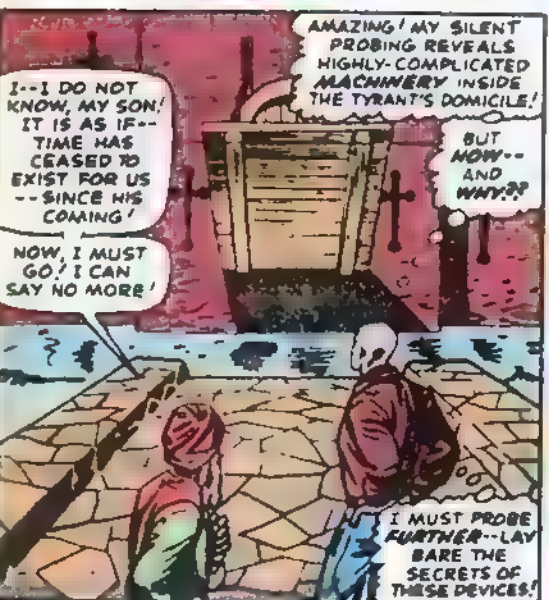
I AM INTRIGUED BY YOUR GREAT WALLED CITY, AND I WISH AN AUDIENCE WITH ITS RULER!

NAY, BUT THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE! FOR, OUR MASTER DWELLS WITHIN YONDER CITADEL-- AND EVEN WE ARE NEVER PERMITTED TO GAZE UPON HIM!



I CAN TELL HE SPEAKS THE TRUTH!

HOW LONG HAS THIS MAN BEEN YOUR OVERLORD?



I-- I DO NOT KNOW, MY SON! IT IS AS IF-- TIME HAS CEASED TO EXIST FOR US -- SINCE HIS COMING!

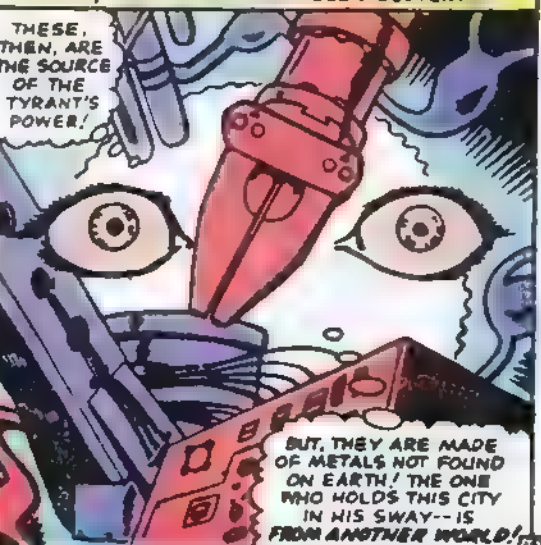
NOW, I MUST GO, I CAN SAY NO MORE!

AMAZING! MY SILENT PROBING REVEALS HIGHLY-COMPLICATED MACHINERY INSIDE THE TYRANT'S DOMICILE!

BUT NOW-- AND WHY??

I MUST PROBE FURTHER-- LAY BARE THE SECRETS OF THESE DEVICES!

"EXERCISING MY MENTAL POWERS TO THE FULLEST EXTENT, I MADE AN INCREDIBLE DISCOVERY"



THESE, THEN, ARE THE SOURCE OF THE TYRANT'S POWER!

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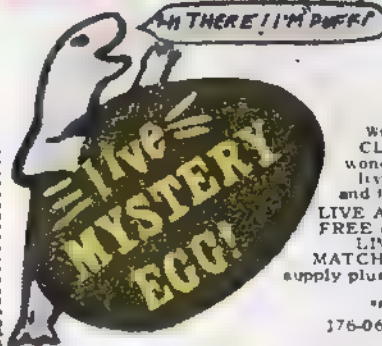
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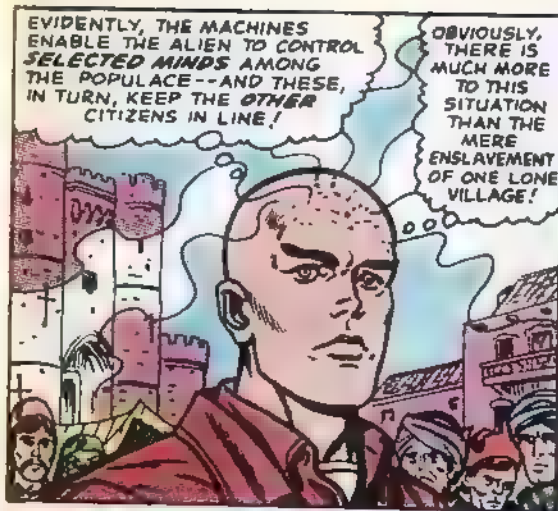
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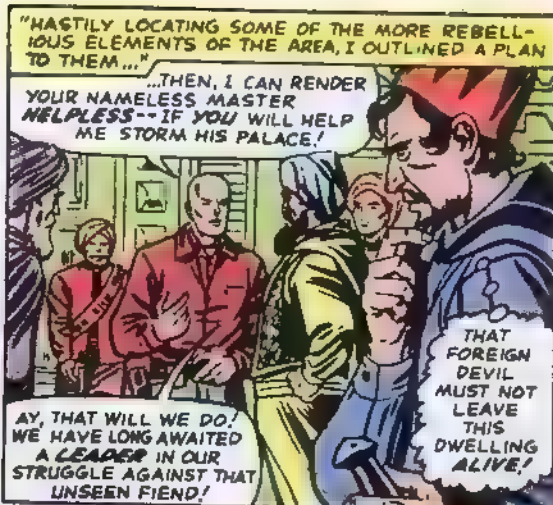
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OBVIOUSLY,
THERE IS
MUCH MORE
TO THIS
SITUATION
THAN THE
MERE
ENSLAVEMENT
OF ONE LONE
VILLAGE!



"HASTILY LOCATING SOME OF THE MORE REBELLIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE AREA, I OUTLINED A PLAN TO THEM..."

...THEN, I CAN RENDER
YOUR NAMELESS MASTER
HELPLESS--IF YOU WILL HELP
ME STORM HIS PALACE!

THAT
FOREIGN
DEVIL
MUST NOT
LEAVE
THIS
DWELLING
ALIVE!

AY, THAT WILL WE DO!
WE HAVE LONG AWAITED
A LEADER IN OUR
STRUGGLE AGAINST THAT
UNSEEN FIEND!

"BUT, I HAD UNDERESTIMATED THE TRUE CUNNING
AND POWER OF MY RELENTLESS, VIGILANT FOE..."

"FOR, EVEN
AFTER I HAD
MENTALLY
SCREENED MY
COMRADES,
HE TOOK
CONTROL OF
THE BRAIN OF
ONE OF THEM,
AND SO..."

BY MEANS YOU WOULD NOT UNDER-
STAND, I HAVE LOCATED A TUNNEL
INTO THE CASTLE! ONCE INSIDE,
WE WILL OVERTHROW ANY GUARDS
--AND YOUR ANCIENT HOMELAND
WILL BE FREE AGAIN!

FREE! DARE WE MOVE
FOR SUCH A THING?

LONG AGO, WE WERE
OUR OWN MASTERS!
CAN SUCH A DAY
DAWN ONCE MORE?

IT CAN--
IF YOU
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SWIFTLY!

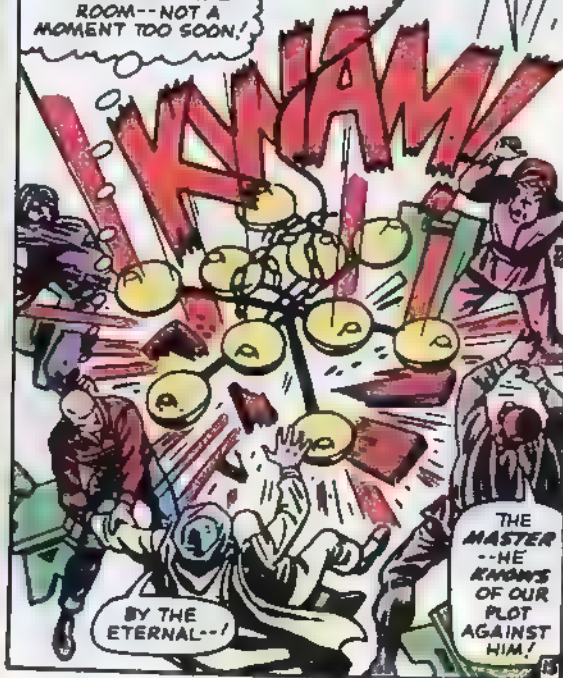
NOW--I
STRIKE!
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"THE NEXT INSTANT..."

LOOK OUT!
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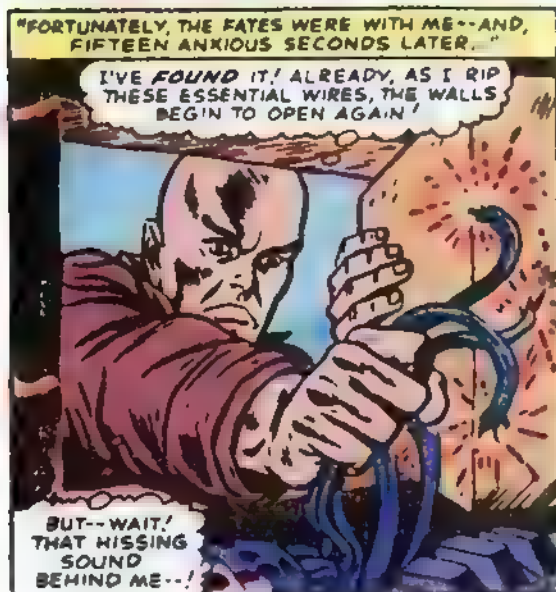
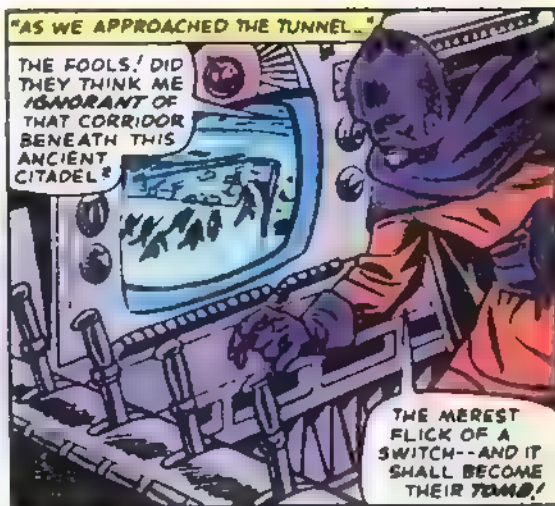
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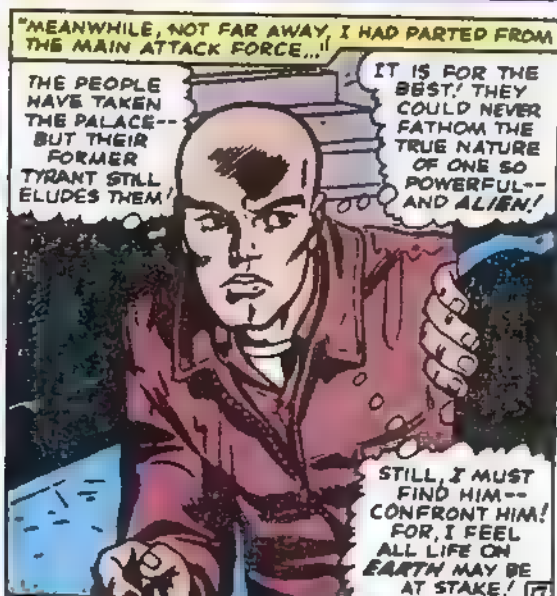
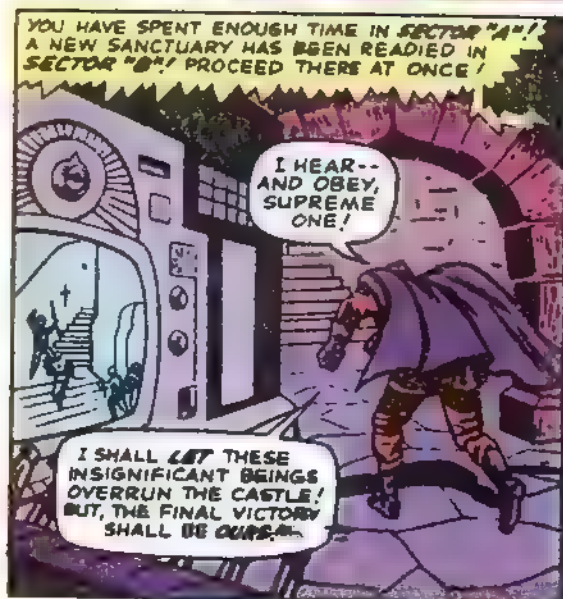
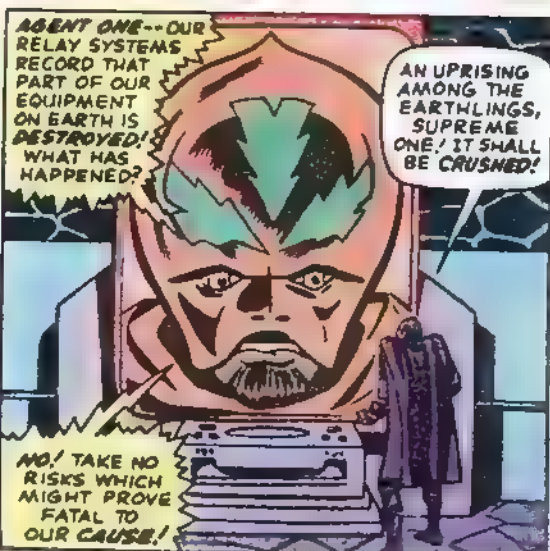
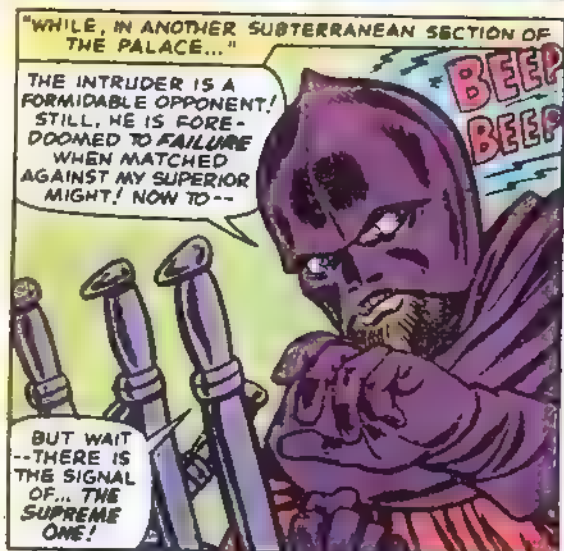
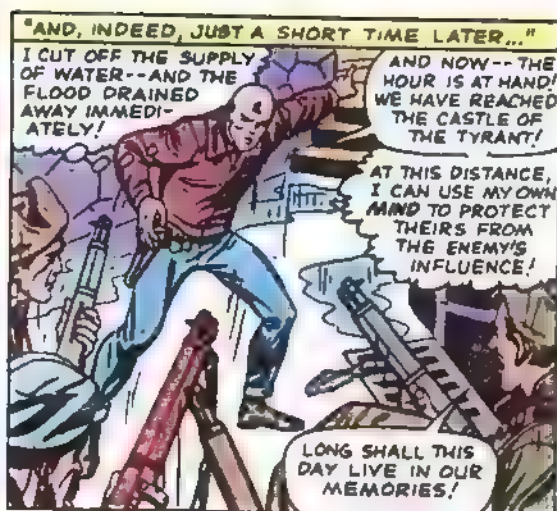
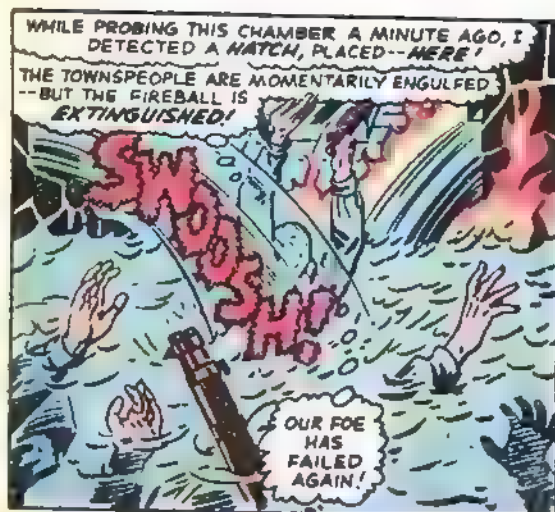
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WHAT
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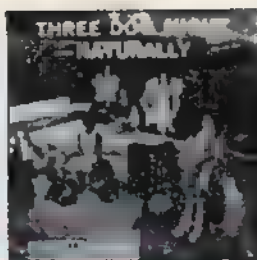




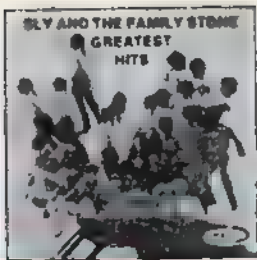
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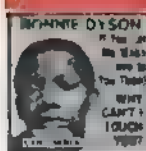


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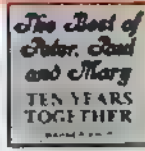
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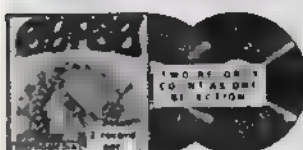
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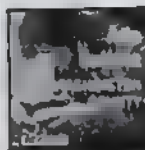
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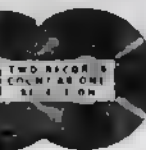
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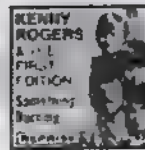
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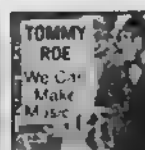
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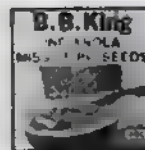
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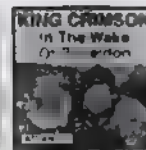
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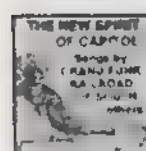
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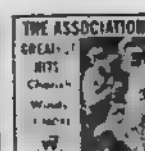
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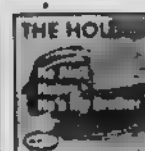
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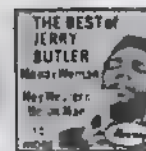
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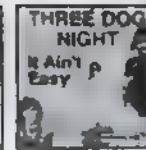
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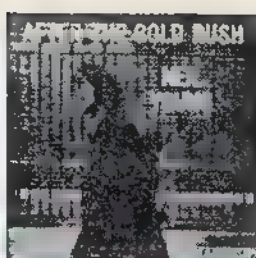


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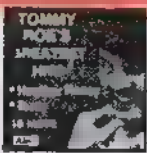
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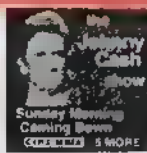
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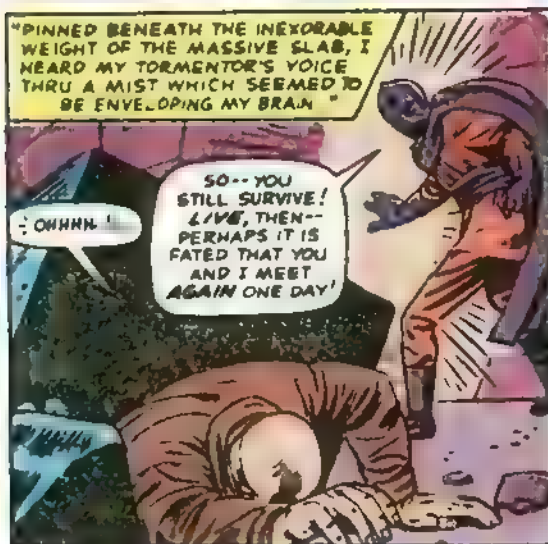
SO! IT IS YOU WHO HAVE TYRANNIZED THIS CITY! WHO ARE YOU--AND WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

MY TRUE PURPOSE YOU SHALL NEVER KNOW--BUT, ON THIS PLANET I CALL MYSELF "LUCIFER!"



AND NOW--THAT NAME SHALL BE THE FINAL THING YOU HEAR! PREPARE TO DIE--FOR DARING TO OPPOSE THAT WHICH NO MORTAL CAN COMPREHEND!

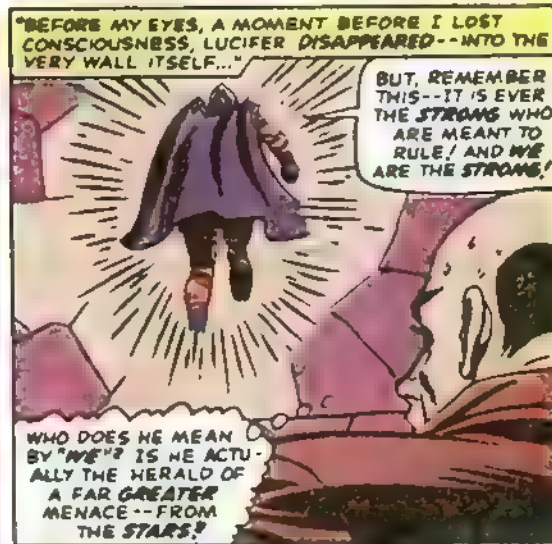
THAT GREAT SLAB--RELEASED FROM ABOVE AT THE TOUCH OF A SWITCH! I--CAN'T DODGE--IN TIME!



"PINNED BENEATH THE INEXORABLE WEIGHT OF THE MASSIVE SLAB, I HEARD MY TORMENTOR'S VOICE THRU A MIST WHICH SEEMED TO BE ENVELOPING MY BRAIN"

SO--YOU STILL SURVIVE! LIVE, THEN--PERHAPS IT IS FATED THAT YOU AND I MEET AGAIN ONE DAY!

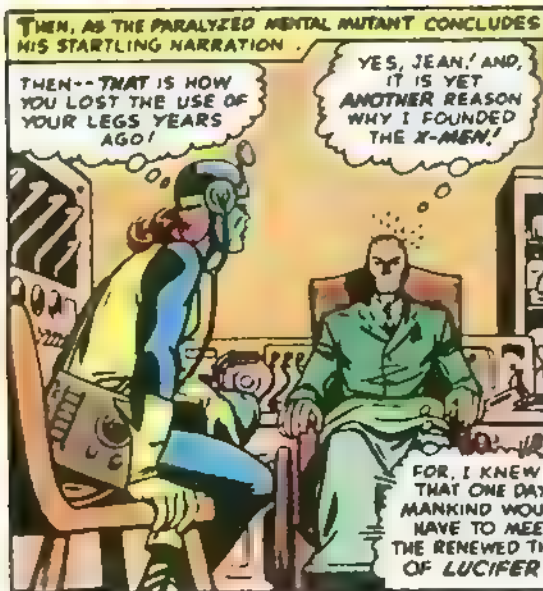
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"BEFORE MY EYES, A MOMENT BEFORE I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS, LUCIFER DISAPPEARED--INTO THE VERY WALL ITSELF..."

BUT, REMEMBER THIS--IT IS EVER THE STRONG WHO ARE MEANT TO RULE! AND WE ARE THE STRONG!

WHO DOES HE MEAN BY "WE"? IS HE ACTUALLY THE HERALD OF A FAR GREATER MENACE--FROM THE STARS?

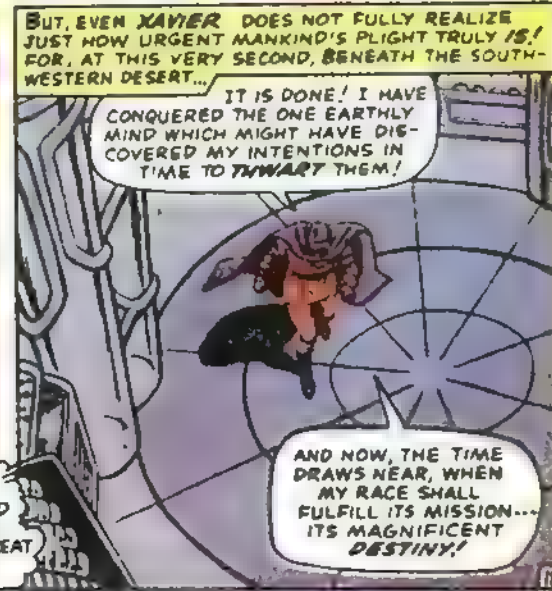


THEN, AS THE PARALYZED MENTAL MUTANT CONCLUDES HIS STARTLING NARRATION...

THEN--THAT IS HOW YOU LOST THE USE OF YOUR LEGS YEARS AGO!

YES, JEAN! AND, IT IS YET ANOTHER REASON WHY I FOUNDED THE X-MEN!

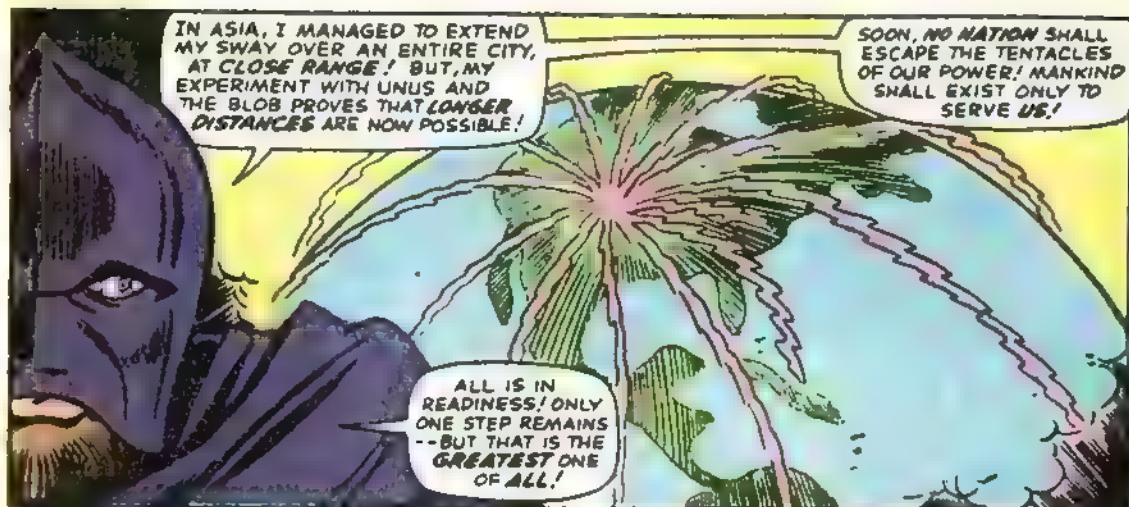
FOR, I KNEW THAT ONE DAY MANKIND WOULD HAVE TO MEET THE RENEWED THREAT OF LUCIFER!



BUT, EVEN XAVIER DOES NOT FULLY REALIZE JUST HOW URGENT MANKIND'S PLIGHT TRULY IS! FOR, AT THIS VERY SECOND, BENEATH THE SOUTHWESTERN DESERT...

IT IS DONE! I HAVE CONQUERED THE ONE EARTHLY MIND WHICH MIGHT HAVE DISCOVERED MY INTENTIONS IN TIME TO THWART THEM!

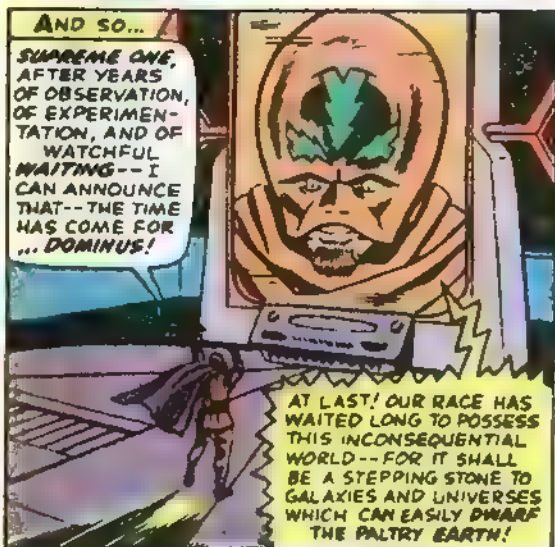
AND NOW, THE TIME DRAWS NEAR, WHEN MY RACE SHALL FULFILL ITS MISSION--ITS MAGNIFICENT DESTINY!



IN ASIA, I MANAGED TO EXTEND MY SWAY OVER AN ENTIRE CITY, AT CLOSE RANGE! BUT, MY EXPERIMENT WITH UNUS AND THE BLOB PROVES THAT LONGER DISTANCES ARE NOW POSSIBLE!

SOON, NO NATION SHALL ESCAPE THE TENTACLES OF OUR POWER! MANKIND SHALL EXIST ONLY TO SERVE US!

ALL IS IN READINESS! ONLY ONE STEP REMAINS -- BUT THAT IS THE GREATEST ONE OF ALL!



AND SO...

SUPREME ONE, AFTER YEARS OF OBSERVATION, OF EXPERIMENTATION, AND OF WATCHFUL WAITING-- I CAN ANNOUNCE THAT-- THE TIME HAS COME FOR ... DOMINUS!

AT LAST! OUR RACE HAS WAITED LONG TO POSSESS THIS INCONSEQUENTIAL WORLD-- FOR IT SHALL BE A STEPPING STONE TO GALAXIES AND UNIVERSES WHICH CAN EASILY DWARF THE PALTRY EARTH!



THEREFORE, LET THE HUMANS AWAIT... THE COMING OF DOMINUS!



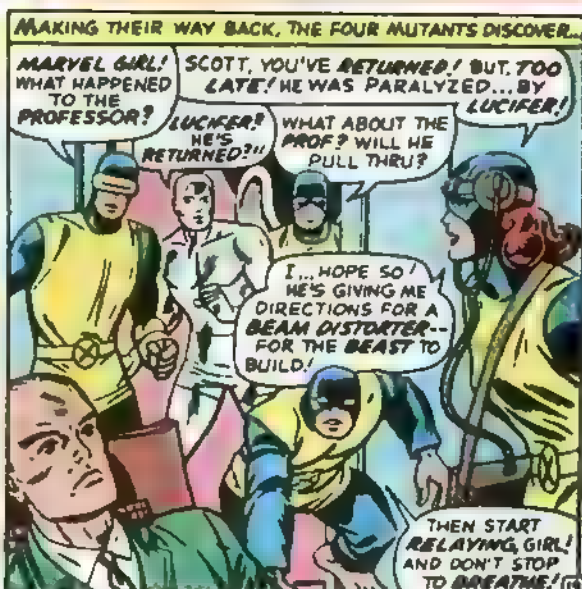
MEANWHILE, UNAWARE OF THE EARTH-SHATTERING EVENTS WHICH HAVE TRANSPIRED SINCE THEY LEFT WESTCHESTER, THE FUGITIVE X-MEN PREPARE TO RETURN TO THEIR UNIQUE SCHOOL...

IT'S SAFE TO VENTURE OUT NOW! IF NO ONE SEES MY WHITE WINGS, THE REST OF YOU ARE IN THE CLEAR!

BOY! I THOUGHT IT WAS NEVER GONNA GET DARK!

DON'T RELAX YOUR VIGILANCE, BOBBY!

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, CYCLOPS, THAT SEEMS A MOST SUPERFLUOUS PIECE OF ADVICE!



MAKING THEIR WAY BACK, THE FOUR MUTANTS DISCOVER...

MARVEL GIRL! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PROFESSOR?

SCOTT, YOU'VE RETURNED! BUT, TOO LATE! HE WAS PARALYZED... BY LUCIFER!

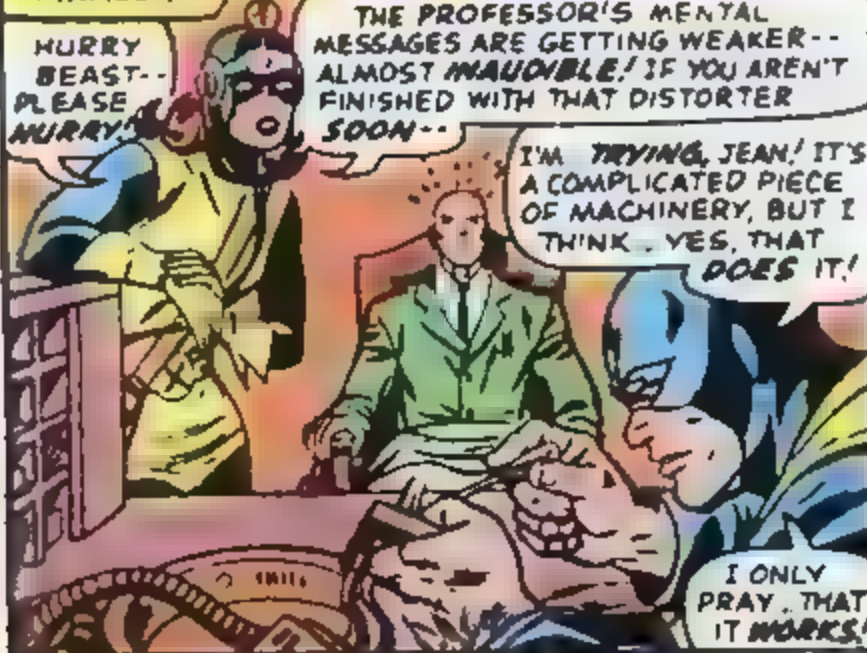
LUCKER? HE'S RETURNED?"

WHAT ABOUT THE PROF? WILL HE PULL THRU?

I... HOPE SO! HE'S GIVING ME DIRECTIONS FOR A BEAM DISTORTER-- FOR THE BEAST TO BUILD!

THEN START RELAYING, GIRL! AND DON'T STOP TO BREATHE!

FEVERISHLY, DESPERATELY, WITH MANUAL SKILLS FAR BEYOND THOSE OF MOST NON-MUTANTS, A WORRIED HANK MCCOY LABORS AGAINST TIME ITSELF! AND, FINALLY,



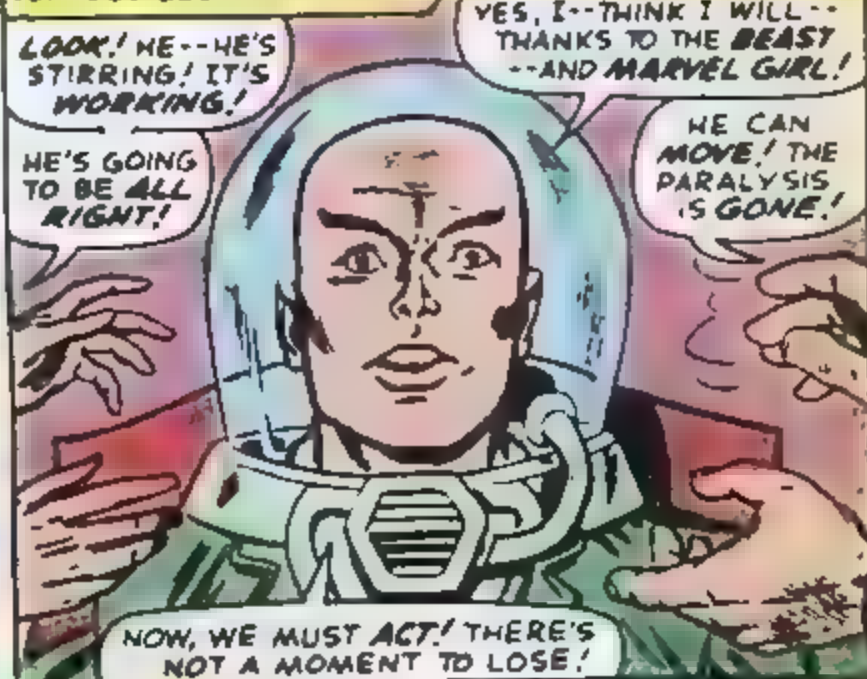
HURRY BEAST-- PLEASE HURRY!

THE PROFESSOR'S MENTAL MESSAGES ARE GETTING WEAKER-- ALMOST *inaudible*! IF YOU AREN'T FINISHED WITH THAT DISTORTER SOON--

I'M TRYING, JEAN! IT'S A COMPLICATED PIECE OF MACHINERY, BUT I THINK... YES, THAT DOES IT!

I ONLY PRAY... THAT IT WORKS!

AS A TENSE SILENCE GRIPS THE X-MEN, THE DISTORTER-HELMET IS PLACED ON THEIR LEADER'S HEAD, AND ANXIOUS SECONDS LATER



LOOK! HE--HE'S STIRRING! IT'S WORKING!

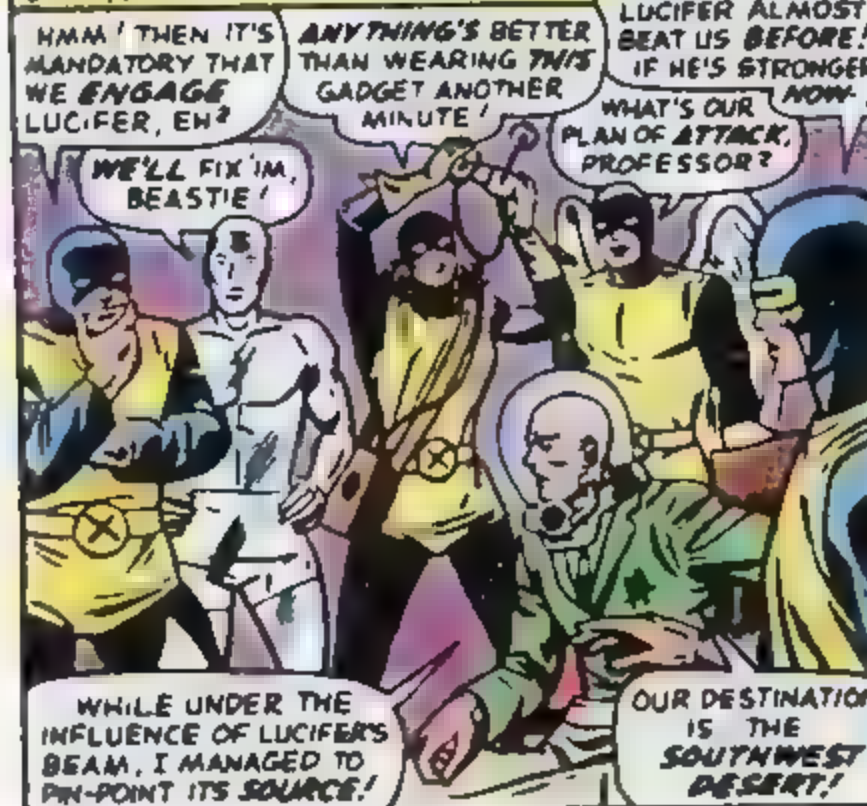
HE'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT!

YES, I--THINK I WILL-- THANKS TO THE BEAST-- AND MARVEL GIRL!

WE CAN MOVE! THE PARALYSIS IS GONE!

NOW, WE MUST ACT! THERE'S NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE!

THEN, AFTER A FAST BRIEFING...



HMM! THEN IT'S MANDATORY THAT WE ENGAGE LUCIFER, EH?

ANYTHING'S BETTER THAN WEARING THIS GADGET ANOTHER MINUTE!

WE'LL FIX 'IM, BEASTIE!

QUIET, JEAN! LUCIFER ALMOST BEAT US BEFORE! IF HE'S STRONGER NOW--

WHAT'S OUR PLAN OF ATTACK, PROFESSOR?

WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LUCIFER'S BEAM, I MANAGED TO PIN-POINT ITS SOURCE!

OUR DESTINATION IS THE SOUTHWEST DESERT!

AND SO



AM I SLIDIN THESE CRATES DOWN TOO FAST FOR YOU, JEAN?

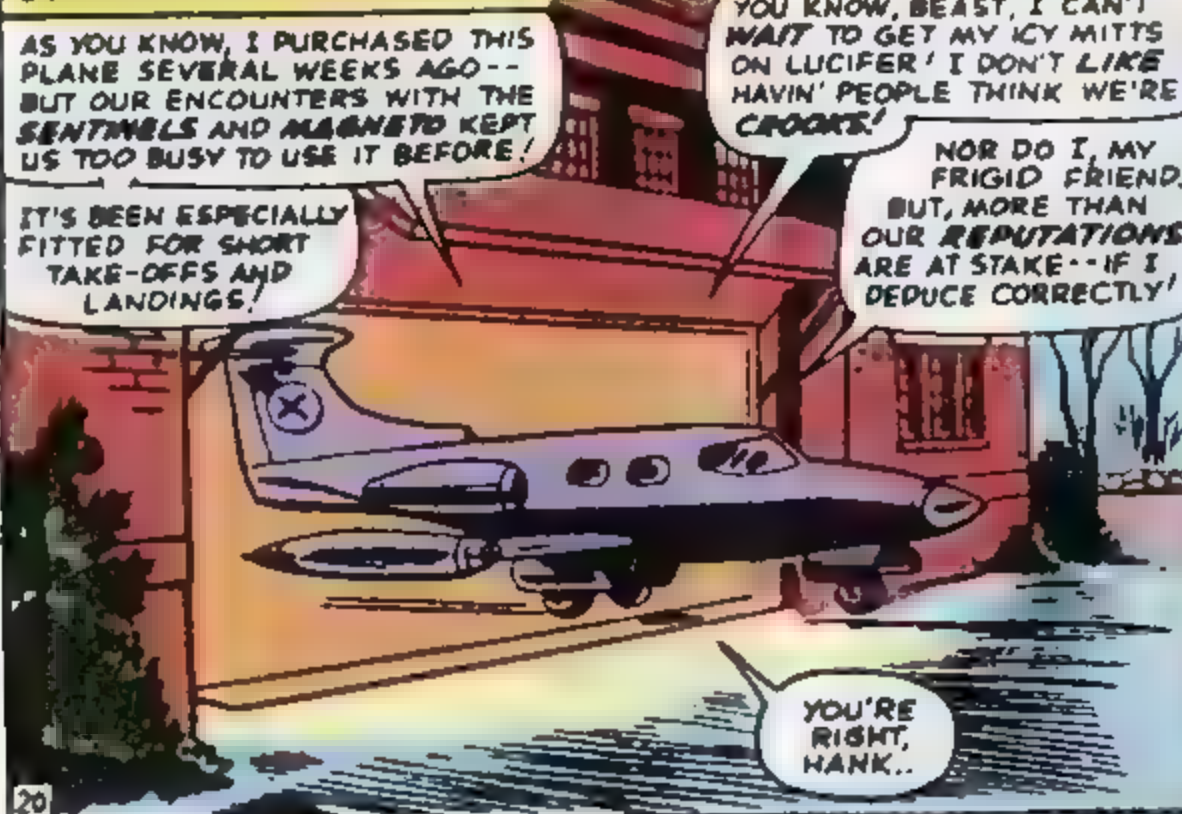
NO, BOBBY-- KEEP THEM COMING! HANK AND I CAN KEEP UP WITH YOU!

THE WAY SCOTT SNAPPED AT ME A WHILE AGO! HOW COULD I EVER HAVE THOUGHT HE MIGHT CARE FOR ME?

BEAST! YOU MAY START LOADING THE PLANE, NOW!

WITH ALL DELIBERATE ALACRITY, SIR!

MINUTES LATER, A SEEMINGLY SOLID WALL OF THE STately SCHOOL-BUILDING RISES-- TO REVEAL A SLEEK PRIVATE JET, POISED MOMENTARILY BEFORE ROCKETING SKYWARD...



AS YOU KNOW, I PURCHASED THIS PLANE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO-- BUT OUR ENCOUNTERS WITH THE SENTINELS AND MAGNETO KEPT US TOO BUSY TO USE IT BEFORE!

IT'S BEEN ESPECIALLY FITTED FOR SHORT TAKE-OFFS AND LANDINGS!

YOU KNOW, BEAST, I CAN'T WAIT TO GET MY ICY MITTS ON LUCIFER! I DON'T LIKE HAVIN' PEOPLE THINK WE'RE CROOKS!

NOR DO I, MY FRIGID FRIEND! BUT, MORE THAN OUR REPUTATIONS ARE AT STAKE-- IF I DEDUCE CORRECTLY!

YOU'RE RIGHT, HANK..

FOR, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT KNOW THE PRECISE NATURE OF LUCIFER'S MENACE TO US



...IT MAY WELL BE THAT WE SIX ARE THE EARTH'S SOLE HOPE FOR SURVIVAL!

NEXT ISSUE: THE STARTLING, SINISTER SECRET OF... **DOMINUS!**

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EVERYTHING YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BULLPEN, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK!

ITEM! Okay, here it is—your first official notice! So don't say that we didn't alert you. The great, long-awaited 100th issue of **SPIDER MAN** will soon be on sale! We've been preparing for it for months—planning a story which will be truly different; truly worthy of celebrating the 100th anniversary of the world's most popular, most sensational, and most relevant superhero. We're not trumpeting this extraordinary event just to rake in an extra few pennies, honest! (Although we've never been known to complain about making money!) It's just that we know you'll never forgive us if we let you miss this landmark edition. 'Nuff said!

ITEM! Speaking of landmark editions, here's one for the books. The current **HULK** thriller, now on sale, is based on **TOM WOLFE'S** brilliant best-seller "Radical Chic," and Tom himself actually appears in the yarn. He said he's always wanted to be a Marvel superhero—and nobody says them there kinds things lightly around the ol' Bullpen! To call this issue "off beat" would be like saying that Raquel Welch isn't too bad looking!

ITEM! Here's some more good news for the Marvel-minded millions! **RECKLESS REED CRANDALL**, one of comicdom's all-time greats (remember his breath-taking illustrations in the old-time **E.C. mags**?) is planning to return from his hibernation out west and rejoins his long-time-no-see buddies here at the Bullpen! We can't wait till you see what this cat can do with a pen and ink. (His first assignment may be in one of our M-rated mags—**SAVAGE TALES** or **DRACULA**—so make a note, Mature One!)

ITEM! While talking about Reed, we just remembered another, equally exciting item for you. **AMIALE AL WILLIAMSON**, another widely heralded **E.C.** alumnus, will be forsaking his newspaper and book illustration long enough to also help us usher in the Marvel Age of Awesome Artistry! We just spoke to Al the other day and decided he's been away from us too long—so keep the faith, Forbush-Lover—and watch for the new excitement that's hurtling your way!

ITEM! Hey, gang, have pity on us, huh? Just 'cause our mixed-up mags are big on campus, and **SMILIN' STAN** is the darlin' of the literary lecture circuit, that doesn't mean we've got the time to help you with your term papers, treatises, or doctoral theses! We seem to receive a couple of dozen letters each week from Marvel-oriented students who tell us they're doing a term paper, or some such, about the Marvel Mystique—and would we send them all the info we can about our organization, our modus operandi, our future plans and projections, and a detailed analysis of our collective philosophy! Well, we're flattered as all

get out that anyone would care—and it breaks our hearts to have to disappoint any of you—but we hardly have the time for coffee breaks, let alone being able to engage in the kind of correspondence that such requests would necessitate! So have a heart, hero—please don't ask us to collaborate with you on your school reports. Anyway, think how we'd feel if we did—and you flunked!

ITEM! Here's a real sentimental scoop! Two of our top talents just happen to be brother and sister. We're referring, of course, to **HONEST JOHN SEVERIN** and his sweet 'n saucy kid sis, our own **MIRTHFUL MARIE SEVERIN**. Well, it seems that Johnny is moving his wife and six little Severins out to Colorado, where men are men (and the taxes are lower!) We won't mention the name of the city, because we don't want our crafty competitors to try'n track him down. Anyway, before leaving New York, Johnny and Marie have collaborated on a strip—something they've wanted to do for years. It's none other than the sensational second issue of our newest hit publication, **KULL THE CONQUEROR!** When you feast your baby-blues on the results of the Severin team-up, we've a hunch you're gonna holler for more. (But not too loud, hear? We'll be listening—we promise!)

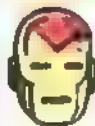
ITEM! (Now, let's keep 'em short and squeeze in as many as space allows.) **GENIAL GENE COLAN** is teaching a part-time course on comics at a school in his home town in New Jersey! Right on, ol' buddy!—Watch for Marvel's newest title, out soon. It's "**RED WOLF**," based on the cataclysmic character introduced in **AVENGERS #80**—but, the time is a hundred years earlier, in the days of the really wild West! Written by **GARDNER (FEARLESS) FOX** and illustrated by **SYD (THE KID) SHORES**, it'll knock you outta your saddle—Incidentally, didja know that Syd was one of the earliest **CAPTAIN AMERICA** artists during the first Golden Age of Comics? Well, when you see his work on **RED WOLF**, you'll know why comics are better'n ever!—Regards to **LILTIN' LYNN WOLLEY**, news-reporting nabob at radio station **KNOW** in Houston, Texas, where he's been doing his bludgeonin' best to help promote our befuddled brand of Marvel madness. —And, leave us not forget New York's own **MIKE TURNER**, at **WABC-FM**, another disc-spinning super-fan who hilariously hosted our Leader for a long and laugh-filled gab-fest at one of his late-night stanzas. —Finally, did you hear about **DOUG KENNEY**, editor of the far-out **NATIONAL LAMPOON** coming to see us? He and Stan rapped for hours, and when the confab finally broke up, we're still not sure whether Lampy is gonna do a parody of us—or sue us 'cause we haven't paid for our subscription! But that's the way it is in Marvel-land! **EXCELSIOR!**

STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

A couple issues back we discussed a few aspects of comic-book script writing. So, it now seems only fair to yak it up about the artwork that graces our phantasmagoric pages. Have you ever stopped to think how multi-talented a Marvel artist has to be? Not only must he be the equal of any book magazine, or advertising illustrator, but he must also be a master story teller as well. Remember, here at the Bullpen, we work differently than at any other comic-book company. Here, the artist actually collaborates with the writer on the structure of the story. Working from the script-writer's synopsis, the artist himself develops the story pictorially, and only then is the artwork returned to the writer so that he may add the required dialogue and captions. Our illustrators must be masters of dramatic portrayal—of visual characterization—of anatomy, composition, and continued-action layout. Not only must they create a viable, three-dimensional world on paper, but they must then imbue it with life, with excitement, with a sense of belief. And, above all, unlike the so-called "fine artist" who can work at his leisure over a single drawing, the comic book illustrator must create his panels one after the other, always speeding towards an impending deadline, with one eye ever on the clock and the calendar, producing from one to three pages a day—day after day—in this the comic book field—a truly native American form of art which, in a few short decades, has made its influence felt throughout the entire globe. As an editor and writer, I proudly salute the magnificently dedicated, monumentally talented comic book artists who have made the world a little more thrilling, a little more dramatic, and a lot more colorful for us all.

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